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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS

FIRST IN MONTANA HISTORY CROW TRIBAL LIEN FILED

HELENA-For the first time in Montana history, the office of Secretary of State Brad Johnson filed a secured transaction from the Crow tribe on September 29, 2008. Under the terms of a recent agreement with the tribe, banks are able to make secured loans on the reservation, and file the resulting liens with the Montana Secretary of State's Office. The result is easier access to credit for Native Americans who live in tribal communities, which will lead to opportunities for economic growth and development.

Johnson said, "This is an historic occasion. People who live in communities on the Crow reservation are among the most impoverished in the nation, not just in Montana. Economic development is desperately needed there. It's exciting and moving to see the banking system becoming fully open to them."

When a bank makes a loan, it usually requires collateral property, which is secured by a lien. However, because of the sovereign nature of Native American reservations, liens have not been enforceable there. Transactions could not be secured by a lien, meaning loans were much harder to get, resulting in a severe lack of capital and higher interest rates. That created a situation where economic development was almost impossible, and as a result unemployment went up.

Liens are filed under Revised Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code or UCC. In Montana, those filings are made in the Secretary of State's office. Johnson reached an agreement with Chairman Carle Venne of the Crow Tribe to address the situation. Announced last February and called the UCC Filing System Compact, the agreement makes liens filed in Secretary Johnson's office enforceable on the Crow Reservation.

The first of those liens under the new agreement was filed on September 29, 2008. The loan was made by the Absaalooke Revolving Loan Program.

Johnson said, "I applaud Chairman Venne and the government of the Crow Nation for the historic advances they're making. It's been an honor to work with them at a time like this. We look forward to many more filings from Montana's tribal communities."

MONTANA INDIAN EQUITY FUND OFFERS GRANTS FOR BUSINESS

Montana's News Station

The Montana Indian Equity Fund launched its third year of operations recently. The Fund helps finance small businesses in Indian Country, with up to two enrolled members from each Montana tribe eligible to receive up to \$7,000 from the fund.

HARDIN EDUCATOR NAMED NIEA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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HARDIN (AP) — A fourth-grade teacher from Hardin has been named teacher of the year by the National Indian Education Association.

IMLS HOST MEETINGS FOR HISTORICAL PHOTOS

Char-Koosta News

PABLO — The IMLS-NPC Historical Photo Exhibit Project Coordinator, Mary Jane Charlo, will be holding three informative community meetings to promote interest and gather historical images and information from residents of the many communities of the reservation.

NATIONAL BISON RANGE AFA MOVING TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION

Char-Koosta News

USFWS MOIESE — The annual roundup of the National Bison Range included several staff representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Among them were Lyle Laverty, Assistant Secretary of Interior for the USFWS; Steve Guertin, director Denver Region; and Dean Rundle, USFWS Refuge supervisor.

TRIBES TO HOLD COMMEMORATION OF SWAN MASSACRE OF 1908

Char-Koosta News

ST. IGNATIUS — October 18 marks the 100th anniversary of the Swan massacre of 1908, one of the most tragic incidents in recent tribal history. On that day a century ago, at a traditional Pend d'Oreille camping place in the upper Swan Valley, a state game warden and a deputized civilian shot and killed four members of a family hunting party. As the warden attempted also to kill the women in the group, one of them - Clarice Paul - shot and killed the warden in self-defense.

CHILD WELFARE BILL INCLUDES TRIBAL FOCUS, FUNDS

Indian Country Today

WASHINGTON – The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act, passed by Congress Sept. 22, creates new, sovereignty-based avenues for tribal governments to access the nation's largest child welfare program, the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance program.

THE MILK RIVER PROJECT: WHAT IT IS AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Char-Koosta News

The Milk River Project began in 2001 and it continues today.



The Milk River Project has been ongoing since 2001. The area is rich in archeaological sites with possibly more to be found. Efforts by the Tribes, Notre Dame University and others hope to preserve the area from development. (courtesy photo)

CROW SCHOOL STARTS PILOT MATH PROGRAM

Bighorn County News

Teaching math at Crow School has changed. In conjunction with the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) and School District 17H-1, a new pilot program has been established that is currently being instituted at Crow School and the Hardin High School.



Math educator Running Horse Livingston works with Lawrence Hugs on a math problem. Crow School is the pilot program for the state in this new method of teaching math.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: DPS AWARDED \$51,000 BIA HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT

Glacier Reporter

The Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce the awarding of an overtime grant from the BIA-Indian Highway Safety Grant program. The grant designated for officers' overtime hours to conduct enforcement and prevention of traffic safety through National Traffic Safety initiatives on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.

NORTH CENTRAL MONTANA STUDENTS EXPLORE BIG TOBACCO'S STRATEGIES

Glacier Reporter

On Oct. 1 almost 100 high school and middle school students from Chouteau, Hill, Glacier, Liberty, Pondera, Teton and Toole Counties, as well as the Blackfeet Reservation, gathered at Norley Hall in Conrad to learn about reACT, Montana's teen-led movement against Big Tobacco. The organization is funded and staffed by the Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program (MTUPP).

BTBC ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE TO RESTRUCTURE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Glacier Reporter



The constitutional review committee, chosen by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council Sept. 29 to begin the process of changing the tribal constitution, consists of (front, from left) Stan Juneau, Paulette Running Wolf, John E. Salois, George G. Kipp III and Greg Gilham. They are seen with BTBC members Willie Sharp, Paul McEvers, TI Show, Rodney "Fish" Gervais, Reis Fisher and Henry Butterfly. Photo by John McGill

The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council chose its October General Meeting to announce its selection of five individuals to serve on the Committee to Restructure Tribal Government. The committee was authorized through a tribal referendum held during the last General Election in June, the results of which showed a more than four-to-one majority voting to change the constitution, including separation of powers and the creation of such a committee as was announced.

EMPLOYMENT

GREAT FALLS CLINIC (MAIN FACILITY)

Certified Nurse Assistant Transcriptionists Insurance Supervisor Application Analyst Maintenance Technician Data Entry Mail Room Clerk Phlebotomist

Great Falls Clinic Surgery Center Certified Nurse Assistant

<u>Clinic Cancer Care – Specialty Bldg</u>. (Great Falls) Medical Scheduler - Float

Central Montana Hospital (Great Falls)

Helena Physicians' Clinic
Medical Scheduler
Registry; Ophthalmology Technician
Murcury Street Medical Group & Focus
MedCare (Butte)
RNs – Part time & Full time
Clinical Nurse Supervisor
Certified Nurse Assistant
Registry; RNs, LPNs, CMAs, CNAs

Bozeman Surgical Arts Registered Nurse

<u>Great Falls Clinic (Main Facility)</u> Certified Nurse A

Candidates may access the web site @ www.gfclinic.com for position details and to apply online. EOE

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DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT #61166539, State of Montana, Montana Lottery, Helena. Salary range \$8.05 to \$10.06/hr DOQ. Permanent, Part-time. This position provides front receptionist desk coverage, general office duties, and greets visitors. Application deadline: 5:00 P.M. Wednesday October 22, 2008

PRE-COLLEGE ADVISOR/PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Montana University System, Pablo/Flathead Reservation The Montana Educational Talent Search Program, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, is accepting applications for the position of Pre-College Advisor/Program Coordinator. The advisor counsels/encourages middle school and high school students to complete high school and prepare for enrollment in postsecondary education.

ETS serves 1,400 low income and/or first generation college students in grades 7-12, a majority of whom are generally American Indian.

The successful applicant must demonstrate ability to successfully provide the full range of program services to target area students, families and schools. This position requires the ability to effectively communicate verbally and in writing. Must be able to design, implement, and accurately document a work schedule and activities with minimal input and supervision; demonstrate strong time management and organizational abilities.

Must have reliable transportation. The Pre-College Advisor/Program Coordinator should ideally have a four-year degree in education, counseling or related field. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. The work schedule may range from half-time to full-time, depending on the successful candidates desired schedule and the needs of the agency. The normal entry rate is \$10 - \$12.08 per hour, however, the starting wage may be flexible depending upon the successful candidates qualifications.

Submit completed State of Montana application and cover letter to any local Job Service or to: Educational Talent Search Office, PO Box 203201, Helena, MT 59620-3201. Position will remain open until filled, however applicants should submit completed applications no later than 5:00 pm on October 17, 2008, to ensure early consideration.

Applicants claiming the Indian Employment Preference must provide verification of eligibility with the application materials. For more information please contact Jamie Schell or Rene' Dubay with Educational Talent Search at phone 888-241-4452 or e-mail jschell@montana.edu.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Tenure track position in Aquatic Ecology at The University of Montana's College of Forestry and Conservation to begin fall 2009.

This position will teach aquatic invertebrate ecology and contribute to the aquatic components of the wildland restoration curriculum. Requirements include a doctoral degree in aquatic ecology or a related field, evidence of teaching excellence, record of research accomplishments, and ability to communicate effectively with students, professionals, and the general public. Send:

letter of application, CV, teaching and research statements, and contacts for three references to Lisa Eby, Search Committee Chair, College of Forestry and Conservation, The University of Montana, Missoula MT 59812.

Full position description available at www.umt.edu/hrs. Review begins December 15, 2008. The University of Montana is an EEO/AA employer

EVENTS & TRAINING

"WOMEN IN GEAR"

Women: Explore Careers in Trades WHEN: Saturday, October 11th, 2008

9:00 - 1: 30pm Check In: 8:30AM

WHAT IS IT?

The "Women in Gear" fair is designed to highlight those careers in trades that would lead toward self-sufficiency for women. As a collaboration between local educational



institutions, non-profits, and service providers in the Helena area it will provide an opportunity for hands on activities for several trades. Participants will meet individuals that support women currently working in the trades and learn about training and education opportunities. The fair will consist of two parts – there will be hands-on activities fair to learn more about non-traditional opportunities.

Presentations/Demonstrations will feature these career areas:

- ✓ Welding
- ✓ Construction
- ✓ Automotive/diesel technology
- ✓ Electrical
- ✓ Aviation
- √ Heavy Equipment Operation
- ✓ Machining
- ✓ Fire and Rescue

WHERE: The University of Helena Airport Campus, 2300 Airport Rd. Helena, MT 59601

FOCUS:

Information and resources for employment, funding, and training will be available from local and regional organizations and agencies.

- Outside demos
- Hands-on activities
- Opportunities to win industry-related prizes

PURPOSE AND GOALS:

- Support women in exploring nontraditional training and employment activities.
- Create better understanding of aspects of the trade industries.
- Provide opportunities to experience non-traditional careers.

GRANTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Starting in 2009, the White Wolf Media Group will be providing scholarships for Native students locally and nationwide.

Our goal for the 2009/10 academic years is provide 100 Native students with a \$1,500 scholarship. We are committed to helping American Indians obtain a higher education. We understand that not every Native student has the opportunity to go to school. And we also understand that far too many urban American Indians get left out of other scholarship programs. We want to be apart of the solution.

Scholarships will be made available to Native students who are not formally enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe, students enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe, displaced homemakers, graduate or undergraduate students pursing a career in public health or science, students pursing a major in education, students pursuing a masters in art, public health, or law, and students interested in broadcast journalism. In addition, we will have a fund set aside for emergency funds for students only.

The scholarship fund will be managed and administered by our sister organization the Association for American Indian Affairs in Rockville, Maryland.

Scholarships for the 2008/09 academic years have already been dispersed. Scholarship applications will be available in March 2009 for the 2009/10 academic years.

The Montana United Indian Association will also continue to provide assistance to college students with book reimbursements and other costs. For more information about MUIA, please call 406-443-5350.

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Closing Date: May 07, 2009

Description: Diet and physical activity are lifestyle and behavioral factors that play a role in the etiology and prevention of many chronic diseases such as cancer and coronary heart disease. Both also play roles in preventing overweight/obesity and in maintaining weight loss. Therefore, diet and physical activity are assessed for both surveillance and epidemiologic/clinical research purposes. The measurement of usual dietary intake or physical activity over varying time periods or in the past, by necessity, has relied on self-report instruments. Such subjective reporting instruments are cognitively difficult for respondents, and are prone to considerable measurement errors that may vary among population subgroups and depend on the time frame considered and the characteristics of the respondents.

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pafiles/PAR-06-103.html

National Institutes of Health Closing Date: September 07, 2011 Description: Purpose. This purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement is to encourage Research Project Small (R03) Grant applications from institutions/ organizations that propose to enhance our understanding of effective positive youth development programs and the mechanisms responsible for positive health and developmental outcomes. These studies may include the evaluation of particular components of new or existing youth development programs thought to be responsible for positive development; the examination of child and adolescent assets, behaviors, and development that influence positive youth trajectories; and the evaluation of family, community, or social assets and liabilities that contribute to or hamper youth development. Investigators and/or colleagues should have a strong knowledge of child development. The RO3 grant mechanism supports a variety of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. The R03 small grant mechanism is intended to support small scale research projects that can be carried out in two years or less with limited resources. http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-242.html

Closing Date: Multiple Receipt Dates - See Link to Full Announcement for details.

Description: Purpose. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institute on Alcohol, Alcoholism, and Alcohol Abuse (NIAAA), National Cancer Institute (NCI), and National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), solicits Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations that propose to conduct research to reduce health disparities among minority and underserved children. Specifically, this initiative focuses on ethnic and racial minority children and underserved populations of children such as: children from low literacy, rural and low-income populations, geographically isolated children, hearing and visually impaired children, physically or mentally disabled children, children of migrant workers, children from immigrant and refugee families, and language minority children. Specific targeted areas of research include biobehavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (physical and family environments), social (e.g., peer influences), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known illness and/or disability; and studies that test and evaluate the cost effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in nontraditional settings http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-392.html

Closing Date: Multiple Receipt Dates - See Link to Full Announcement for details.

Description: Purpose. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages the formation of partnerships between academic institutions and school systems in order to develop and implement controlled, schoolbased intervention strategies designed to reduce the prevalence of obesity in childhood. This FOA also encourages evaluative comparisons of different intervention strategies, as well as the use of methods to detect synergistic interactions between different types of interventions. Mechanism of Support. This FOA will utilize the NIH Research Project Grant (R01) award mechanism and runs in parallel with FOAs of identical scientific scope, PA-06-416 and PA-06-417, that solicit applications under the Small Research Grant (R03) and the Exploratory/Developmental Grant (R21) award mechanisms, respectively. Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards. Because the nature and scope of the proposed research will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary. The total

amount awarded and the number of awards will depend upon the mechanism numbers, quality, duration, and costs of the applications received. Eligible Institutions/Organizations. Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education; Private Institution of Higher Education; Nonprofit with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education); Nonprofit without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education); Small Business; For-Profit Organization (Other than Small Business); State Government; U.S. Territory or Possession; Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized); Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized); Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization; Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entity (Foreign Organization); Hispanic-serving Institution; Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs); Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions; Regional Organization; Other(s): Eligible agencies of the Federal government; Faith-based or community based organizations. http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-180.html